**English 8—Mrs. Hagen**

Welcome to English! We are going to work hard and have a lot of fun this year!

**Course Objectives:**

* Students will complete and demonstrate proficiency with I Can tasks each term that are the essentials skills for 8th Grade English.
* Students will write journal entries, argument essays, short informative responses, and personal narratives.
* Students will read and analyze short stories, novels, poetry, and non-fiction texts.
* Students will use correct grammar and language usage as they speak and write.
* Students will define and spell vocabulary words from our literature selections.
* Students will complete independent reading assignments.

**Materials:**

To keep in class:

* A one-inch 3-ring binder with lined paper

To bring to class every day:

* pen or pencils
* homework folder
* student planner
* reading book of your choice

**Grading:**

The grading scale follows the school handbook guidelines. Grades are based on the standards of 8th Grade English and will be assessed through discussion participation, in-class work, homework, independent reading, quizzes, and tests.

**Citizenship Grades:** See the guidelines in the school handbook.

**Class Behavior Rules:**

I believe that all students have a right to learn and teachers have a right to teach.

1. Raise hand and be called on to speak.
2. Speak respectfully to all in class.
3. Remain in assigned seat during class time.
4. Respect everyone’s property and person in class.

**Discipline Plan:**

These are the consequences for breaking class rules:

1. Warning
2. Take a Break Fix-It Plan
3. Conference with teacher after class
4. Parent notification/conference or office referral

**Late Work, Absences**:

* In order to receive full credit, assignments must be completed and turned in on time. Late assignments will be penalized points.
* After an absence, students are responsible for meeting with Mrs. Hagen to collect any missing work. Students will have one school day per excused absence to turn in the missing work without incurring late penalties.

If a student needs remediation, extra help, or more time to complete an assignment, I am available before or after school and during I-Time. These times are also available for re-teaching and re-taking quizzes. I would like this to be an exceptional year, so student success is my top priority.

**Media:**

The following movies (or movie clips) may be viewed in class this year relating to our unit on the Civil Rights Movement. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham Remember the Titans*

If you have any concerns, please contact me (email works best).

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Please sign and return for 15 points!

I have read and understand the policies of this classroom.

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If there is anything that you would like me to know about your student, please write it below.